

- (1) *Section 1272.053(1);*
- (2) *Section 1272.057(1);*
- (3) *Section 1272.061(1)(C); and*
- (4) *Subchapter D, Chapter 1272.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 16 IN
DUVAL COUNTY AS THE AL DEAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

CHAPTER 367

H.B. No. 3283

AN ACT

relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 16 in Duval County as the Al Dean Memorial Highway.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.123 to read as follows:

Sec. 225.123. AL DEAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) The portion of State Highway 16 in Duval County between the northern municipal boundary of Freer and the southern boundary of McMullen County is designated as the Al Dean Memorial Highway. The designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Al Dean Memorial Highway, and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective June 1, 2017.

**FEES TAXED AS COSTS OF SUIT FOR CERTAIN
DELINQUENT TAX SUITS**

CHAPTER 368

H.B. No. 3389

AN ACT

relating to fees taxed as costs of suit for certain delinquent tax suits.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 33.73, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The district clerk shall collect the fees taxed as costs of suit and award the fees to the master as required under Subsection (b) in each delinquent tax suit for which a master is appointed under Section 33.71, regardless of the disposition of the suit subject to this subsection. Fees may not be collected or awarded in a suit dismissed by the master unless the master:

(1) held at least one hearing on the suit; or

(2) prepared for the suit for at least a number of hours equivalent to the time typically required to conduct a hearing.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a delinquent tax suit for which a master is appointed that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**CREATION OF A SPECIALTY COURT FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC
SAFETY EMPLOYEES WHO COMMIT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE;
IMPOSING FEES FOR PARTICIPATION AND TESTING,
COUNSELING, AND TREATMENT**

CHAPTER 369

H.B. No. 3391

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a specialty court for certain public safety employees who commit a criminal offense; imposing fees for participation and testing, counseling, and treatment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subtitle K, Title 2, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 129 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 129. PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM

Sec. 129.001. DEFINITION. *In this chapter, "public safety employee" means a peace officer, firefighter, detention officer, county jailer, or emergency medical services employee of this state or a political subdivision of this state.*

Sec. 129.002. PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM DEFINED; PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN DEFENDANTS. *(a) In this chapter, "public safety employees treatment court program" means a program that has the following essential characteristics:*

- (1) the integration of services in the processing of cases in the judicial system;*
- (2) the use of a nonadversarial approach involving prosecutors and defense attorneys to promote public safety and to protect the due process rights of program participants;*
- (3) early identification and prompt placement of eligible participants in the program;*
- (4) access to a continuum of alcohol, controlled substance, mental health, and other related treatment and rehabilitative services;*